

WHEREAS the arts resonate with us, challenge us, and teach us important lessons about ourselves and each other.

HEREAS the arts speak to our condition and affirm our desire for something more and something better.

MHEREAS great works of literature, theater, dance, fine art, and music reach us through a universal language that unites us regardless of background, gender, race, or creed.

MHEREAS, other cities and states have celebrated the value and importance of culture in the lives of Americans and the health of our community;

MHEREAS, the arts and culture industry strengthens not only our community, but also our county's economy, contributing approximately \$61 million to the local economy each year;

MHEREAS the arts organizations and individual arts practitioners in our area continue to reach underserved communities and inspire over half a million Hoosiers with artistic opportunities and educational experiences; and

MHEREAS, throughout our history and during this current challenging time, the arts have given us comfort, drawn us together, and called on us to strive for a more vibrant world.

Sow, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned, the **Tippecanoe County** Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **Wednesday**, October 14, 2020 as

Brave for the Gris Day

in **Tippecanoe County** and call upon all members of the community to celebrate the power of the arts and the work of the many arts and cultural providers in our region.